

**TESTIMONY OF
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SUBMITTED TO THE
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE
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Senator Maroney, Senator Witkos, Representative D'Agostino, Representative Rutigliano, and Honorable Members of the General Law Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding House Bill 5222 for today's public hearing.

My name is Amber Tucker; I am a practicing CPA with Fiondella, Milone, and LaSaracina (FML) and Chair of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CTCPA) Not-for-Profit Organization Committee. The CTCPA is Connecticut's leading professional CPA organization, with almost 6,000 members. CTCPA's Not-for-Profit Organizations Committee serves as their sounding board on current accounting, auditing, taxes, and financial reporting issues for not-for-profit organizations and those with not-for-profit clients.

I am here today to request language be added to **HB 5222, An Act Concerning Paid Solicitors Of Charitable Funds And Charitable Organization Transparency.**

Adoption of this language would benefit consumers in that more of their contributions to smaller non-profits will be devoted to mission and program, reduce cost as audits are expensive for small businesses; a review can offer a sufficient level of comfort for Connecticut, and allow organizations that need financial statements to have the option to choose a review rather than an audit.

The suggested language is listed below:

(b) A charitable organization with gross revenue in excess of [five hundred thousand] one million dollars in the year covered by the report shall include with its financial statement an audit report of a certified public accountant. A charitable organization with gross revenue in excess of five hundred thousand dollars but less than one million dollars in the year covered by the report shall include with its financial statement either (1) an audit report of a certified public accountant, or (2) a review report of a certified public accountant. For purposes of this section, gross revenue shall not include grants or fees from government agencies or the revenue derived from funds held in trust for the benefit of the organization. The commissioner may, upon written request and for good cause shown, waive the audit or review report requirement under this subsection.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this proposal.

Thank you.